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## LCC nursing school: An insider’s perspective—part 3

*The following is the third column written by Luna Community College nursing student Inez Bolivar. Bolivar would like to share her opinion with fellow students, staff, faculty and the community of the life of a nursing student. This is the third in a series.*

My name is Inez Bolivar and I am currently a second-year nursing student at Luna Community College (LCC). Last year, I had enormously wonderful experiences during my time in the nursing program. I cared for a variety of patients who still resonate with me. A precipitous labor and delivery female patient and my first indwelling male catheter for an older male patient with congestive heart failure are amongst my most prized memories from nursing school thus far. I was able to provide care to patients at every stage of life, from birth to gravely ill patients living their last months of life. Providing care and comfort to someone dying is unexplainably special and being present and supportive for a joyous event in a family’s life is my privilege. These moments have changed my life and my attitude towards those in the medical profession. I developed a desire to tell my amazing stories, while still maintaining privacy and dignity for the patients, to anyone who would listen. It is my pleasure to share my moments and interpretations regarding my educational experience and my clinicals while I am a LCC nursing student. (The stories and experiences of my classmates could perhaps be included.)

**To read more, see Monday’s Luna Light.**



**Inez Bolivar**

**LCC will be closed from  
Thursday, Dec. 20 through  
Wednesday, Jan. 2  
for winter break**

## Martinez learning, enjoying auto collision courses at Luna CC



**Ernest Martinez (right) is pictured with LCC Auto Collision Instructor Gilbert “Guba” Martinez. Ernest Martinez is restoring a 1967 Camaro while taking nighttime courses at LCC.**

Ernest Martinez is a donut shop owner during the day and a Luna Community College Auto Collision student in the evening.

Martinez, like many non-traditional students, is an example that it is never too late to learn and therefore it never too late to go to college.

“For being viejito (an older person) I am learning a lot,” says Martinez who along with his wife Gloria are owners of Daylight Donuts. “I’m picking up the basics and learning a lot.”

Although Martinez has run a successful business for 33 years, he says that he should have tried out college a long time ago.

“I wish this program would have been around when I was in high school,” says Martinez. “Some people may not want to go the academic route and would rather work manually and auto collision is a perfect example of this.”

LCC Auto Collision Instructor Gilbert “Guba” Martinez encouraged Ernest to take some classes early last summer.

“I had never taken auto collision classes before and I had a 1967 Camaro parked in my back yard for 30 years,” says Martinez. “My wife bought it new at Ed Black’s Chevrolet in Albuquerque. It had a lot of dents and needed a lot of work. You can see the progress we’ve made.”

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